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THE SUGAR BEET.

Willets & Gray, the sugar brokers of New York, made the following remarks in their last circular:

The domestic beet-sugar industry of the United States shows some very notable features, which are quite surprising when considered from some points of view. The result of the campaign in tons is below last year, but the gain in factories built and proposed is quite important. The object lesson of a few well-managed factories paying 20 per cent dividends to stockholders and dividing \$200,000 among farmers near by, as in Utah, is having a wonderful effect upon both capitalists and farmers in neighboring states and localities, and the year 1899 bids fair to see much greater activity and advance in this industry, regardless of any objection or fears from without. The industry itself is expected to be strong enough in its position to take care of itself against all opposition, politically or otherwise, by the time that any important action may be required. Certainly the progress made this year is phenomenal and unexpected generally, not as to sugars produced, but as to factories built and contemplated, and as to progress made by farmers in experimental work. We shall continue to give the details of new enterprises as fast as they reach us, but, as heretofore, shall avoid publishing mere rumors without authentic information.

The sugar beet production may not be for some time an important factor in fixing the prices of sugar. At the same time if that industry is finally made successful on a large scale in the mainland, it will seriously affect the sugar interests here. Some are disposed to ignore the matter. But it must not be forgotten that the chief industry of the United States is agriculture, and that skill in the cultivation of the soil is increasing with marvelous rapidity. The facts show that the farmers are gradually becoming convinced that the beet crop may be made more profitable than any general crop. What is needed especially, in order to make a success of it, is correct practical knowledge of the matter of cultivation. The time has almost passed when the farmer worked blindly in developing a new industry. He may now, before making any efforts in new directions, obtain the most reliable data from the great scientific corps that is supported by the Federal Government, and furnishes the farmer with practical results, not theories.

So far as our own sugar interests are concerned, the important fact seems to be established that the sugar-beet industry has come to stay, even far east of the Rocky mountains, and if it has come to stay, it will grow.

SUICIDE IN THE STATES.

Rev. J. A. Cruzan, now pastor of the Foreign Church at Hilo, Hawaii, once delivered a lecture in Berkeley, Cal., on the subject of suicide in the United States.

He stated that one person in 13,500 in England; one in 2,700 in France; one in 1,500 in the United States committed suicide. His belief was that the appalling frequency of this crime in the States was due to high pressure in living, and that the crime would increase unless the people struck a slower gait. What is the difficulty? The struggle for existence in the United States is slight in comparison with the struggle in Europe. The resources of the American continent have hardly been scratched. Land, which is the desire and hope of all in Europe, is cheap in the States. The Government has been for fifty years utterly prodigal in giving a home to every one who wanted one. The price of food is cheaper than it is in Europe. Education is free. Democracy rules. There is no caste. There are no artificial social distinctions. There are no commercial restrictions in trade between the forty-five great States. The political orators tell us on every occasion that America is the land of the free and the home of the brave. The religious teachers tell us that it is the land of Christian homes. It is the paradise of the poor of all other lands.

In spite of all this, a most alarming number of people become tired of life and dash themselves into eternity. Unrest, unhappiness, prevails all classes alike. The "quiet home" ceases to be an institution. The good people listen reverently every Sunday to the preacher's exhortation to put their treasures in Heaven, but spend the rest of the week in putting their treasures on earth. Even with the most intelligent Christian communities, wealth commands the highest consideration, while character and philanthropy are regarded as excellent things to talk about, and are recommended to the careful consideration of neighbors, and the heathen.

Much of this abnormal distress in such a rich country as the United States, is due to the unbalanced sys-

tem of education. The inevitable result of education is the creation of "wants." And there is no corresponding education in the "supply of wants." Young men and young women are turned loose upon the world without special training in any of the supply producing arts. The "wants" make the standard of expenditure. Education stops there. The thirsty travelers stand on the brink of a deep well of water, but cannot make a bucket and rope to reach it.

Then comes weariness, and despair, and finally suicide in such alarming numbers. What is a "Paradise" to an educated European, who immigrates to the United States, is simply "Hell" to the native born.

American civilization gradually builds on better lines, but the bricks laid by the present generation are cemented with distress and suffering. The education of the brain and hand will lay the higher stories in bricks made with straws of sounder education.

THE PASSING HOUR.

That Senatorial contest in California must be of deepest interest. It has more space in the San Francisco papers than murders or suicides.

The Oregon, en route to eastern waters in the interest of the Open Door, is keeping open house at Honolulu and the hospitality of the officers is much appreciated.

Cooking classes have been discontinued in the San Francisco public schools. This was not compelled by the health authorities, but was forced from lack of school funds.

The American commissioners to the Philippines have gone by the northern route. If they fail to call at Honolulu on their return they will have failed to make the most of their chances.

The strenuous efforts to preserve the W. C. T. U. temple at Chicago as a distinct monument to Frances E. Willard is a fine example of tenacity and strength of purpose backed by sentiment almost entirely.

In all this controversy about the quality of the army beef it is strange that the contractors are so completely in the background. Yet another strange thing is that there has been no hint of any questioning the provisions supplied the navy.

It may be taken that despite the fact none of the new fangled or freak ideas were utilized during the war, progress was great in both the army and navy. All that the volunteer army needed, by the way, was a few trained soldiers in the direction of offense and defense and some cooks.

It is becoming evident that there has been planted here seed that will in time grow into some such manifestation as a showing of resources by means of an exposition. A permanent display with Mr. C. L. Wright's coffee samples as a nucleus would prove attractive and useful.

There is published in the Advertiser the best resume at hand of a most important new shipping law. It goes into operation on the Mainland this month, but will not rule here until Congress extends the navigation laws to the group. Incomplete as is the synopsis, it is enough to warrant the prediction that it will cause much friction at first and then likely drop into the dead-letter condition.

AMERICAN MESSENGER SERVICE.
Masonic Temple. Telephone 444.

Anniversaries.

This month, 1885, Japanese immigration to the Islands was inaugurated.

Feb. 1, 1791, the keel of the first vessel built at the Islands was laid. 1893, Minister Stevens proclaimed an American protectorate over the Islands.

Feb. 2, 1881, smallpox brought here from China by the S. S. Quinta. 1887, death of the Princess Likelike, aged 36 years.

Feb. 4, 1874, King Lunalilo died. Feb. 7, 1885, Rev. S. C. Damon died, aged 70 years. He was chaplain here from 1849.

Feb. 9, 1834, Alex. Liholiho, Kamehameha IV, born.

Feb. 11, 1846, commissioners appointed to settle land claims.

Feb. 12, 1874, Hon. David Kalakaua elected king at a special session of the legislature.

Feb. 12, 1883, coronation of Kalakaua and Liliuokalani.

MESSENGER SERVICE.
Honolulu Messenger Service delivers messages and packages. Tel. 378.

Drink PURE WATER.

If the advice given in those three words is heeded, good health will follow. City water is not good for many reasons, principally, because it is contaminated with vegetable and putrid matter of all descriptions. A simple analysis shows this to be a fact.

EXERCISE

Our doctors are busy treating patients who are suffering from complaints, more especially malarial disorders, which will be materially benefited if they drink a water that is pure and possesses curative features, as does Bartlett Spring Water.

DUE

Ask your family physician about the water, and if he is honest he will endorse its use.

All who have drank the water speak in the highest of terms for it. This climate demands the use of such a water and you cannot afford to be without it.

VIGILANCE.

We will serve free of charge a glass of this wonderful natural Spring water at our Soda Counter to all who care to come and test its virtues. We deliver the water to your home in case lots at \$6.50 for 50 pints, \$9.50 for 50 quarts.

HOLLISTER DRUG CO.

SOLE AGENTS.

Scrofula

Swollen Glands, Scrofula Sores, Hip Disease, Boils, Pimples, Eruptions Tell the Story—Dreadful Consequences of Impure Blood.

Certainly scrofula, if anything, may be called the advertisement of foul blood. It is the scourge of the world—offensive, painful, debilitating, stubborn. Outward applications do not cure. Emollients may palliate, they cannot abolish the evil. There is one sure way out, and that is to eliminate the taint from the blood. For this purpose Hood's Sarsaparilla is absolutely without an equal.

"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofulous humor and impure blood and am now almost entirely cured of the eruptions with which I have been afflicted for the past year. My face, chest and back were badly broken out." FRED B. ORWAY, Woodstock, Vt.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. See.

TIMELY TOPICS

February 4th, 1899.

In the opinion of expert cowboys and ranchmen and their idea in this instance is regarded as proof positive, and accepted by all who ride the horse, whether it be for pleasure or on duty, the

MEXICAN SADDLE

is as near perfect in construction and general appearance as it is possible to make a saddle. A great many features of the Mexican Saddle resemble the old Hawaiian Saddle, made by the natives years ago and which seem to grow in greater demand as they become scarce. The tree of this saddle is identical; if possible the Mexican is an improvement in that it is beautifully stamped and decorated, has complete box stirrups and is well finished.

The saddles range in price from \$25 to \$40.

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We invite inspection of properties.

BRUCE WARING & CO.

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Cures the Bites!

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Beginning this morning, February 1st the

GREATEST CLEARANCE SALE

Ever known in this country will be inaugurated. Our Bankrupt Stock must be all cleared before the end of the month to make room for other goods, and to do this we will offer the following

UNPRECEDENTED BARGAINS:

• Bleached Sheetings, 10-4 full width, fine quality, 20cts a yd.

• Unbleached Sheetings 10-4 full width, fine quality, 17 1-2cts a yd.

• Bleached Cotton, 36 inches wide, 5cts a yd.

• Percale, a large assortment, new patterns, 15 yds for \$1.00.

• Towels, a large assortment, extra qualities, 75 cts a dozen.

• Bedspreads, a large assortment, extra qualities, 75cts a piece.

• Table Linen and Napkins at Special Bargains.

A Large and Varied Assortment of

Dress Goods at Bargain Prices.

Special Bargains in Laces and Embroideries.

Everybody should take this opportunity to get a supply of European Goods before the U. S. Tariff Laws take effect.

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